GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REGULATION OF LONG DISTANCE PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved a policy to regulate long distance pipelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this policy will cover existing pipelines or not; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to impose a uniform policy to regulate long distance pipelines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): The Government has notified guidelines for laying petroleum product pipelines vide notification F.No.P-20012/5/99-PP dated 20.11.2002. These guidelines categorize the pipelines and inter-alia cover the issues of `ownership and access`, `tariff` etc. The guidelines provide for at least 25% additional capacity over and above the requirement of the proposer for use by any other industry player under common usage.

These guidelines will remain in force till the Petroleum Regulatory Board is established by an Act of Parliament. The proposed Board will regulate new as well as existing pipelines, which have been declared to be common carrier.